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Previous references.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 20, 21 and 26 & 30

Part B for July 1916

SUBJECT.

Inordinate delay in the handing over & and receiving of charges of the Lakkavalli Range and the Consequent amendment to Forest code

To Conservator, Comptroller & Supt Govt Press
No R 1225-7 Dt 28.7.16
Amends art 216 (iii) of the Forest code requiring the Range officers to take stock in depots at every transfer of charge.

B. W. Krishna Murti
5.9.16

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Forest)

NOTES.

File No. 1644

FILE HEADING.

Transfer of charge of officers of the Forest department.

From

The Range officer, Lakkavalli

No. 1442 Dated 27-6-15 Received 28-6-15.

Diary No. 8735 | Enclos. — | Spare Copies. — | Serial No. 20

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Reports that Mr M. V. Narasimhaiya, Sub. Ass. Conservator of Fts ~~in charge~~ began to take charge of the Lakkavalli Range from the 31st may 15 and finished the same on the 24th June 1915.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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Thus the taking of charge has continued for 25 days, ~~both dts~~ wherein both the officers were doing duty in the same range as against only one ~~place of~~ officer.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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		2. Either the one or the other of the officers have to be treated as on special duty during the period.
U. H 195-13-2		if the Admn. Branch is satisfied that the taking of charge required so many days.
		3 May a draft be put up asking the Honr if such a long period was necessary or proposals from the Honr – which must come up in due course awaited? In the latter case this may be filed.
		4 A report may be called for from the Conservator on the point raised.
		5 Yes. Dft please
		6 Draft subd.
		(7) Issue
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Gms	21	To the Conservators in all cases. MoQ 652 dated 13.7.1915 calls for report as to the necessity for 28 days being taken for handing and taking over charge in the case.

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From the Conse. Letter No 2915 dated 15.9.1915. Explains the reasons for a longer period taken for the purpose and adds that the direction in G.O. No. 8380 dated 19.12.1914 that the transfer of charge should be completed before the expiry of the relieving officer's joining time will so far as the Forest Dept is concerned, operate detrimentally to the interests of the Dept if strictly enforced.

(8) The case amounts, as stated by the Conservator, to two officers working in one and the same range during the period of relief. The Conse adds that since both the officers will be on duty and no additional hand will be entertained in the interim no extra expense is caused to Govt thereby while the thoroughness of the transfer of charge will be a distinct advantage to the Dept.

(9) This a matter for orders whether one of the officers should be considered as having been on special duty as was done in a similar case (H file 195-13 Sls/under) - to a general question has been also raised Fin II will have to be consulted.

Submit for orders

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1 The financial opinion recorded in the previous case refd to in para 9 supra may be followed. ~~The Conservator~~

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2 The Conservator does not state what period is ordinarily taken for the transfer of Charge in the Forest Department & whether in the particular instance more time than ~~is~~ was actually necessary was not taken.

3 The Joining time shewn in all ordinary Cases suffice for Charge being taken & given over. In this particular instance the time absolutely necessary for the transfer of charge may be ascertained from the Cr & the Course adopted in File 195-O of treating the relieving officer as an Asst adopted. ~~We~~ The Article 216 ~~of~~ Forest Code does not ~~contain~~ allow lengthy visits to stations ~~outside the~~ at a distance from the HQ quarter for ~~taking~~ ~~property~~ other than checking property in such places.

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18) The Conservator's circular seems to be at variance with Art 216 (iii) of the Code. If necessary, he may be asked to suggest an amendment. If the examination of the actual stock does not take more time than that allowed by M.S.R. for transfer of charge there will be no objection. The Conservator states that as there will be no addl officer entertained during the period of transfer of charge, there will be no financial objection to the procedure prescribed in the circular which involves no addl cost.

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There is no extra cost in the present case as explained by the Conservator ~~[illegible]~~ as the officers ~~[illegible]~~.

2.2-16 (19) As the Conservator has reported that the period of taking charge in the present instance is not more than what was actually necessary, the relieving officer will have to be declared to have been on special duty during the period, as per opinion

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To the Consr.

29 R 8602/Ft 14-14-28 d/ 8. 3. 16 calls for his opinion on the inconsistency between his circular and Art 216 (iii) of the Ft Code and enquires whether the extra time taken by the relieving officer should be treated as "on special duty"

From the Consr.

No. 10934 d/ 28. 4. 16.

States that there is no such inconsistency and that the extra time should be treated as "on special duty."

(22) The Consr is of opinion that his circular is not inconsistent with Art 216 (iii) of the Ft. Code as the latter does not prohibit ~~him~~ the relieving officer from satisfying himself by personal inspection of the property referred to therein.

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(23) The opinion of Br. II noted in para 13 is at variance with the Consr's view. Br. II may be again Consulted

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13/5/16 (Br II)

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(24) Under article 216 (ii) ~~personal~~ joint inspection of articles at Hd Quarters is imperative and article 216 (iii) lays down that it is not necessary to ~~personally~~ (jointly) inspect articles in other places. ~~Both~~ The Consrs view that article 276 (iii) does not prohibit such inspn

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Sent within a reasonable time, the relieved officer's responsibilities would cease & the relieving officer would be held solely responsible. It is not absolutely necessary that the examination should have been in the presence of the relieved officer — who would be responsible even when he was not present at the examination provided that the relieving officer visited the spot & made a report in a reasonable time.

(25) This appears to be the reason why the Code does not insist on joint inspection of all outlying depots. Further even though extra cost may not be involved by a great deal of time being taken in the process of handing over & receiving charge, there can be no denying that such a procedure involves a great deal of public inconvenience and that during such time neither officer would be practically doing any regular work and the pay given to them would be so much expenditure without any return.

(26) It is also worthy of notice that the officers in their explanation for the time taken do not quote the

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Conservator's circular as authority for taking so much time but refer only to the personal instructions given by D. F. O. implying that every transfer need not be attended with all these formalities.

(27) The Conservator does not want to enlighten Govt as to the time which would ordinarily be taken for charge being taken. The period of 28 days is unduly long and without special explanation cannot be accepted as the normal or the reasonable period for transferring charge. It would throw light in the matter to ascertain the period taken for the transfer of this particular charge, when there was a change of incumbents in the past and other occasions if any (with period taken) in which joining time was exceeded and Sanction of Govt obtained in the case of other charges.

(28) It is therefore submitted (i) that the Circular of the Forest Conservator might be slightly modified by specifying the more important kinds of stores & depots to be jointly inspected & by fixing a maximum period for

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But the matter perhaps is not of much importance and further action may be dropped

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31 Where the a limit of period is fixed in such Cases. — say 10 Days The accepting may be cancelled & a suitable Mag. of the F. Code may be made. — The bks is of importance in the Fusli dept.

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37) Draft Consideration of the May be agreed to. The period of transfer of charge has been limited to 10 days. but the Court Code as it stands at present, does not require local inspection of properties at a distance at the time of Effecting a transfer of Charge. 3.7.16

38) I agree to the issue of the draft. A copy of the order should go to Comptr also. It should be added that the scale of pay should not be exceeded by this arrangement. The Conservator states this in para 5 of his letter but it has to be stated in the order also.

39) subs with the addn proposed by the Third Secy. 12.7.16

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No 1442 27.6.15

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF CHARGE BY OFFICERS.

(Vide *para 104 of the Mysore Treasury Manual*)

8.7.35

No. 1

Office of Forest Range Offr, Lakkvalli

Dated 27.6.15 Forest

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1. Name and designation of relieved officer—

Mr C. H. Eagles, Subassts Conservator of Forests

2. Name and designation of relieving officer—

I Mr M. V. Narasimhaiya, Subassts Conr of Forests

3. Date and hour of transfer of charge—

started at 10 a.m on 31.5.15 and ended at 12.30 p.m on 27th June 1915

4. Authority under which the transfer is made and the reason for such transfer—

In the interest of Public Service as per Govt order No R 7836-71 11-14-6 dated 11.3.15

Hoq II

Certified that

(1) Separate statements* showing the details of cash, stamps, opium, ganja and bill forms in stock (*vide* Article 47 of the Civil Account Code, Volume I) and,

(2) an acknowledgment* of the permanent advances in the prescribed printed form (*vide* para 221 of the Treasury Manual) have / has been attached to the charge report forwarded to the Comptroller to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

N.B.—Certificate No. 1 is required in cases of transfer of charge of Taluk Treasuries by Amildars and of District Treasuries by Deputy Commissioners.

C H Eagles

Signature of relieved officer.

M V Narasimhaiya

Signature of relieving officer.

* These should be signed by relieving officer.

P. T. O.

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SUBJECT 017 Reports of transfer of charge. 18

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 13.7.15

Signed by Mr N Rama Rao

Section Forest

File No. 44-44

Serial No. 21

No. B65-2

To - The Conservator of Forests.

Sir,

I am directed to state that, as per report of the transfer of charge receiving from the Lakkavalli Range officer it is seen that it has taken 28 days to effect the transfer of charge of the Range from Mr E.G.H. Eagles to Mr N.V. Narasimhaiya and to enquire why it has taken such a long

over.

Govt observe that the process of handing over & receiving charge of Lakkavalli Range has taken the officers concerned the unduly long period of 28 days and to request you kindly to furnish Govt with a report why this departure in-fraction of the rule that transfer of charge shd be effected within the relieving officer's joining time was found necessary.

I have etc

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period to effect the transfer which is generally done in a single day and which should be completed before the relieving expiry of the ~~relieving~~ officer's joining time. A report may be submitted to Govt in the matter detailing any special features of the case requiring a different treatment.

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Asst Commr Kgy.

List of enclosures

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OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE,

No. 2915.

Bangalore, Dated ... 15th September 1915.

DIARY No. 1753.

Enclosures 2

From

M. G. Rama Rao Esquire, B.A.,
RAO BAHADUR M. G. RAMA RAO, ESQ.,
Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

To

V. R. Thyagaraja Iyer Esq., M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. R.652/Ft.14-14-21 dated the 7th July 1915 requesting me to report why the handing over and receiving charge of the Lakvalli Range took an inordinately long period of 28 days, I have the honour to state that --- Officers who have to assume charge of important and heavy Ranges should, prior to their doing so, actually check the timber and other stock, incomplete works, stores, tools and plant, and verify the outstandings pertaining to the Range. This will take up a tolerably long period of time in as much as the relieving Officer in company with the officer relieved, has to visit each jungle or sale Depot within the Range to take stock of the timber and verify its correctness with the figures in the several registers.

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He has further to acquaint himself with the works that are in progress in the Range.

2. The orders contained in para 2 of Government Order No. R.5350-1/Ft.195-13-2 dated the 19th December 1914 that the transfer of charge should be completed before the expiry of -- the relieving Officer's joining time will, so far as the Forest Department is concerned, operate detrimentally to the interests of the Department for, should it be strictly enforced, the --- transfer of charge will not be as satisfactory as could be --- desired.

3 Further, as per provisions of Article 102-104 Mysore Service Regulations, joining time is allowed to an Officer chief -ly for settling his affairs in the station from which he is -- transferred and then to proceed to his new charge.

4 I am therefore inclined to think that if an Officer reports himself at the place to which he is transferred within this period, the conditions of these articles should be consider -ed as having been satisfied.

5 The only objection that may arise, if this interpreta- tion is admitted , is that two Rangers (taking the Forest Depart -ment alone for example) will be working in one and the same --- Range during the period of relief. In answer to this, it has to be stated that since both the Officers will be on duty and no -- additional hand will be entertained in the interim, no extra ex- pense is caused to Government thereby, while the thoroughness of the transfer of charge will be a distinct advantage to the --- Department.

6 The explanations of the two Officers concerned are here -with forwarded for reference and kind return when no longer -- required.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

Copy of letter No R.652/Ft 14-14-21 dated Bangalore, 27th July 1915, from the Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments, to the Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

I am directed to state that Government observe that the process of handing over and receiving charge of Lakkavalli Range has taken the Officers concerned the inordinately long period of 28 days and to request you to kindly report why this infraction of the rule that transfer of charge should be effected within the relieving Officers joining time was found necessary.

Copy of letter No 1038 dated the 24th July 1915 from the Conservator of Forests in Mysore to the District Forest Officer, Kadur.

With reference to his No 1443 dated the 28th June 1915 has the honour to forward herewith copy of letter No R.652/Ft 14-14-21 dated the 7th instant, from the Secretary to Govt General and Revenue Departments and to request that a clear report thereon together with the explanation of the Officers concerned for the inordinate delay in the transfer of charge of the Lakkavalli Range should be submitted at a very early date.

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30.7.15

Copies of the foregoing are forwarded to the Range Officer, Lakkavalli, for furnishing the expalantion called for in the above at avery early date.

H. Machaya
District Forest Officer,
Kadur District.

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Reminder to
Ex. Engrs.
No. 644
14.8.15

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Memo

Forwarded to Mr. C. A. Veasey Esq. a Stamp for needful action.

B. Nanjundiah

District Forest Officer
Chief Shimoga Division 6/8/15

No 11/5-8-15

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Submitted. The relieving Range Officer arrived at the end of the month, and consequently Charge could not be handed over till the accounts of the month were closed. This took a considerable time as many adjustments had to be made in many cases per District Forest Officers orders. Handing over of Charge also involved the visiting of 13 timber depots for handing over the timber stock in person, and also visiting in company of the relieving Officer, important stations in the forest and explaining the different works in progress labour supply etc. In handing over detail charge it was therefore in the interest of Government that so many days were taken, vide diary entries for the period. Urgent 230 C. Veasey 6.8.15

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Memo No 10/8 N.9 write reply

Forwarded to the Conservator of Forests

B. Nanjundiah
~~Divisional~~ Forest Officer
Shimoga District.

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Copy of letter of R.S.D./7t 11-1i- [illegible] 7th July 1916, from the Secretary, [illegible]

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Copies of the foregoing are sent to the [illegible] in charge of [illegible] Division, for information and the application of [illegible] in their own.

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District Forest Officer,

[illegible]

[illegible] District Forest Officer,

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No. 6876

OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, Dated ..... 5th January 1916 ~~December 1915~~.

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DIARY No. 3721

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SECTION Ft

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From

M. G. Rama Rao Esquire, B. A.,

~~RAI BAHADUR M. MUTHANNA, ESQ.~~

Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

To

.....V....R....Thyagaraja Iyer Esq., M.A.,

Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
~~General and~~ Revenue Departments~~

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.R.5115/Ft.14-14-26 dated the 25th November 1915, regarding the long period of time taken by the Forest Officer in handing over and resuming charge of the Lakkavalli Range, I have the honour to state that numerous instances having come to the notice of the Conservator of Forests, where Officers in charge of - Forest Ranges were prone to throw the responsibility for -- the deficiency in the timber and other stock and for the bad condition of boundary lines and works charged for in the accounts, on their predecessors, circular No.1744-51 dated the 21st August 1911 (copy enclosed for reference) was -- issued by him to obviate such irregularities. As per -- instructions conveyed in this Circular, the relieving Offi-

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Circular No. 1744-51 dated 21st August 1911.

Referring to Articles 210-217 regarding -- transfer of charge has the honour to point out that great confusion and inconvenience have been caused by Range and Sub Range Officers failing to take stock of timber and other produce collected in Sale and Jungle Depots at the time of handing over and taking over charge. It is therefore directed that the -- relieving Officer shall personally check the stock both in sale and jungle depots in company of the -- relieved Officer, and submit a statement signed by both, shewing the description and quantity of materials received. If any discrepancy is noticed between the stock received in charge and Form No.6 for the month in which the Transfer takes place, the relieved Officer must record his reasons for the deficiency or excess as the case may be and account for the same. If the relieved Officer be unable to hand over charge of the stock owing to illness or other causes beyond his -- control, the relieving Officer must verify the stock immediately after he takes over charge of the Range and submit the required statements.

The District Forest Officer will be good -- enough to see that the instructions are rigidly observed and that a copy of the stock verification certificate is appended to Form No.36 (Certificate of Transfer of Charge)

"Copy"

For Conservator of Forests

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OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE

No. 10934 *Bangalore, dated* 28th April 1916.

DIARY No. 6140

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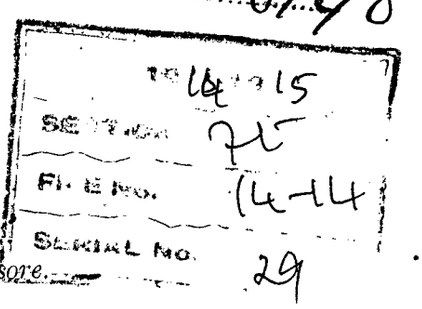

From

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Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

To

V.R. Thyagaraja Iyer Esq., M.A.,

Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. R. 8602/Ft 14-14-28 dated the 8th ultimo, regarding the transfer of charge of the Lakkavalli Range, I have the honour to state that the relieving Officer is required under Article 216 (1) of the Forest Code, to state by what means he has satisfied himself of the nature and condition of the different classes of property of which he has taken charge. Under clause(111) of the same Article, it is binding on him to examine registers and other documents in the case of property at a distance from Head Quarters. This, in no way, prohibits him from adopting additional means of satisfying himself, such as personal inspection. The circular orders issued by the Conservator of Forests and referred to in the letter under advertence have made the latter course, which is optional under the rules, an imperative one in the interests of the Department and hence, I am inclined to think that they are not inconsistent with Article 216 (111) of the Code.

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As regards the extra time taken in effecting the transfer of charge of the Range, I beg to invite a further reference to para 3 of my letter No. 2915 dated 15-9-1915, communicating my views on the significance of Article 102-104 M.S.R., regarding joining time and if they are admitted, there seems to be no difficulty in the way of treating both the relieving and relieved officers as on duty during the period.

I have the honour to be,

sir,

your most obedient servant,

Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

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Transfer of [redacted] Officers in the H. Dept

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H- File No. 14-14

Serial No. 30

Diary No. of letter replied to 6140

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
(BRT)

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Date of issue 28-7-1916

Signed by Sm Md Rama Chandra Rao.

READ—

Letter No R. 652-H. 14-14-21 dated the 13th July 15- from the Offg. Genl: & Rev: Secy to the Conservator of Forests, enquiring whether the ~~ORDER THEREON. No.~~ process of handing over & receiving charge of Lakkavalli Range has taken the officers ~~concerned~~ the inordinately long period of 28 days. When the rule requires that over the

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transfer of charge should be effected within the relieving officers joining time.

2) Correspondence ending with the letter No. 10934 B the 28th April 16 from the Const. of Forests stating that he has issued a circ: No. 1744-S/B the 21st Aug: 11 requiring the relieving and relieved) Officers to personally check and verify the Stores in the Sale & jungle depôts situated at a distance from headquarters, ~~with the relieved officer & furnish a statement giving the description & quantity of the materials received~~, that the circ: is not inconsistent with article 216(cl iii) of the H. Code under which the relieving Officer is not precluded from personally inspecting the Stock besides examining the registers & so to ascertain the proceedings are described, & that the period in the case under reference is not more than what was necessary.

Orders: —

The Govt considers that the Conservr's circ: is not quite

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

article 216 (iii) of the Forest Code.

2. They are therefore pleased to direct the ~~substitution~~ insertion as a note to of the following for Cl (iii) of Art 216 of the F. Code.

Whenever there is a transfer of ~~charge~~ of a range, the relieving officer shall personally check the stock both in Sale and jungle depots situated at a distance from head quarters in company with the relieved officer and submit a Statement signed by both, shewing the description and quantity of materials received. If any discrepancy is noticed between the stock received in charge and Form No 6 for the month in which the transfer takes place, the relieved officer must record his reasons for the deficiency or excess as the case may be

and account for the same. If the relieved Officer be unable to hand over charge of the Stock owing to illness or other causes beyond his control, the relieving Officer must verify the stock immediately after he takes over charge of the Range and submit the required statements. The full period of the transfer of charge should not exceed 10 days in any case, except in the case of the Officers of the A. S. Regts. The period taken on the transfer of charge in the present case is allowed as an exceptional instance.

A copy of the Stock Verification Statement should be appended to Form No 36 (Light Scale) - transfer of stock.

3. The period granted of

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To [illegible]
The Comdt. Sto. in Mysore.
The Commandant, Fort Pass.
The Supdt. Govt. Press with

the request that 200 copies of the correction slip may be supplied to the Comdt and 50 copies to the Officer.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. R. 1225-7—Ft. 14-14-30, dated 28th July 1916.

Forest Code.

Amendment of Article 216 (iii) of the — requiring the Range officers to take stock in depots at every transfer of charge.

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No. R 1225-7—Ft 14-14-30, dated 28th July 1916.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

READ—

Letter No. R. 652—Ft 14-14-21, dated the 13th July 1915, from the Officiating General and Revenue Secretary to the Conservator of Forests enquiring why the process of handing over and receiving charge of Lakvalli Range has taken the inordinately long period of twenty eight days when the rule requires that the transfer of charge should be effected within the relieving officer's joining time.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 10934, dated 28th April 1916, from the Conservator of Forests, stating that he has issued a Circular No. 744-51, dated the 21st August 1911, requiring the relieving and relieved officers to personally check and verify the stock in the sale and jungle depots situated at a distance from headquarters, that the circular is not inconsistent with Article 216 (clause iii) of the Forest Code, under which the relieving officer is not precluded from personally inspecting the stock besides examining the registers, etc., wherein the properties are described, and that the period in the case under reference is not more than what was necessary.

Order No. R. 1225-7—Ft. 14-14-30, dated 28th July 1916.

The Government consider that the Conservator's circular is not quite consistent with Article 216 (iii) of the Forest Code. They are therefore pleased to direct the insertion of the following as a note to clause (iii) of Article 216 of the Forest Code.

"Whenever there is a transfer of charge of a Range, the relieving officer shall personally check the stock both in sale and jungle depots situated at a distance from headquarters in company with the relieved officer and submit a statement signed by both, showing the descriptions and quantity of materials received. If any discrepancy is noticed between the stock received in charge and Form No. 6 for the month in which the transfer takes place, the relieved officer must record his reasons for the deficiency or excess as the case may be and account for the same. If the relieved officer be unable to hand over charge of the stock owing to illness or other causes beyond his control, the relieving officer must verify the stock immediately after he takes over charge of the Range and submit the required statements. A copy of the stock verification certificate should be appended to Form No. 36 (certificate of transfer of charge). The full period of the transfer of charge should not exceed ten days in any case, exclusive of the joining time allowed by the Mysore Service Regulations. The scale of officers should not be exceeded by this arrangement."

3. The period taken in the transfer of charge in the present case is allowed as a special case.

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To—The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The Superintendent, Government Press, [illegible] that 200 copies of the order slip may be supplied to the Conservator and 50 copies to this office.

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